# Happy Anniversary Fateful Encounters~!

The first anniversary of FE! I'm really amazed at how much we've progressed throughout the year, and amazed that we're still alive (since most newbie groups tend to die out easily) TwT I've been here since the beginning and now it's our first year completed. I'd like to thank all the staff and admins for their hard work and my part is for paying the internet bill Long Live FE!
-choco

Happy Anniversary
><><><><
-chibiusagi

Happy B-day FE!!!!
I haven't been here since the beginning I was more here on the 2nd month and wow! so many intresting people you meet so many new projects waiting for us to scam *sees Kaname* yes and Kaname has been the one making me work UnU ever since vk I've been obsessed with manga like real obsessed. Long Live the bishies!
Anways going to the party Fe has had it's good times and bad but we all made them good~! so now we're celebrating cause we've been alive whole year thats like 9 years in dog so we're like toddlers right now so yay~! Hope to have more annis in the future~!
And I also hope to have way more more bishies in the future like Kaname~ (Fe is 1 year old~)
-Hime

Happy anniversary Fateful Encounters, I'll work hard and learn the ropes quickly, love manga forever! ;)
-Pantouffle

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FE! \o/
*throws confetti* congrats on one year, and here's wishing for many more to come!
-JVrrvell

Although it has been a few months since I joined FE, the experience and the peepz I've worked with are awesome
Happy Anniversary Fateful Encounters, I hope for many more years to come
- Sayura

Happy birthday FE!! have a great day~
--Azuka

Yay! Happy Birthday Fateful Encounters! Hope there are many more come!
~R.ikkastar

Happy anniversary, FE!! Even though I wasn't an original member, you've been such a warm home to stay at <3 I hope to have loads more fun in the years to come!
~eternal_light~

Although I'm new to FE, I really enjoy my being here and I really hope you guys enjoy our Anni releases~ !!
-Naomi

Happy Birthday FE! May there be more anniversarys to come xD
~Mi-chan

Happy B-day Fateful Encounters! Can't believe you're still so young and in the same time when did the time go by so fast? anyway~ congrats to all members and especially our cute and hardworking founders!! Thanks for having me ,)
Your grateful ed for Laine

No comment
~Mfty

Happy Anniversary Fateful Encounters! xDD I haven't been here for one whole year BUT I hope that first year was great and the upcoming years to come will be even BETTER!! <333333 <33333 <33333
- delightful!!D

I'm pret... so ... nu... But I ... ontinue ... hard! D
~dumpyroo92

Happy anniversary Fateful Encounters, I'll work hard and learn the ropes quickly, love manga forever! ;)
Feleachan

Happy Anniversary Fateful Encounters~!! May our releases change the world! <33
-Pantouffle

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# Try Me Boy!

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南 塔子の傑作コミックス

Try Me Boy！

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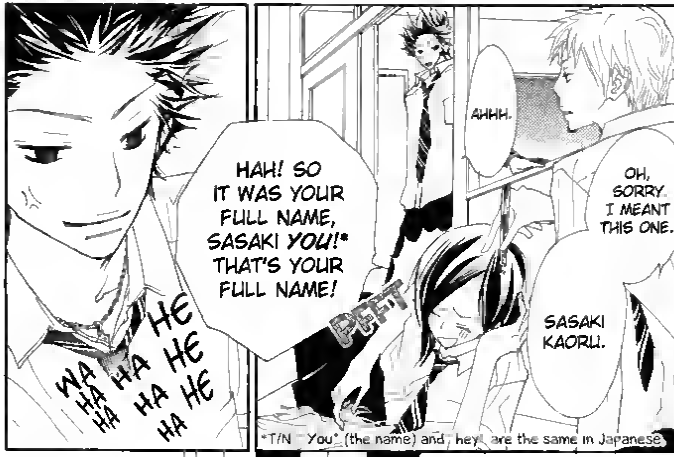
Try Me Boy!
トライミーボーイ
南塔子
みなみとうこ
Minami Touko

Tomorrow and the day after is the school festival. Everyone is busy with the preparations.

HEY, HEY, HEY, SASAK!!
Ha ha ha!
pfft
ICK, PLASTIC GOT ON MY FACE
messed up
DID YOU CALL ME?


HAH! SO IT WAS YOUR FULL NAME, SASAKI YOU!* THAT'S YOUR FULL NAME!
HA HA HA HA
HE HE HA HA
AHHH.
OH, SORRY. I MEANT THIS ONE.
SASAKI KAORU.
PUFF
*T/N "You" (the name) and "hey!" are the same in Japanese.

PIN CH
WAH !!!
"TSUMA-MERU."*
*T/N "Tsumameru" means "I can pinch." He's saying she has flab.

THAT'S NOT EVEN... POSSIBLE, DUMMY!
GO TO TAKANO YURI* AND GET YOUR LAST NAME CHANGED! IDIOT!
*T/N Takano Yuri is a famous beauty salon.

*A Japanese model, actress, and idol.

WHA— WHAT?
HM? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IF YOU GUYS AREN'T DOING ANYTHING, CAN YOU HELP OUT WITH THE HOME EC CLASS?
O-KAAAY
CAN YOU NOT SAY STUPID THINGS, KONNO?
YEAH, WELL... OUR OPINIONS DON'T REALLY MATTER.

AWW
SHE RAN AWAY!
I'LL HELP!
THEY SMELL GOOD?
KAORU-CHAN, CAN YOU MEASURE THE QUAN-TITIES?
There's nothing in them
Wow!
YUM! CREAM PUFFS!
It's true that I've been thinking about that guy with the same last name as me recently.
Well definitely sell a bunch.
WOW! I'M SO EXCITED FOR THE ICE CREAM PUFF STORE!
WHY ARE THESE PUFFS SPLIT?
YEAH, WE HAVE TO PUT IN THE ICE CREAM TO-MORROW
AHH! ♡
Shine
REALLY ?!
OH, THOSE ARE THE MESS UPS. YOU CAN PUT WHIPPED CREAM IN THEM AND EAT THEM
The ones that ripped and the ones that didn't stuff up

T/N When girls who are in love want to change themselves

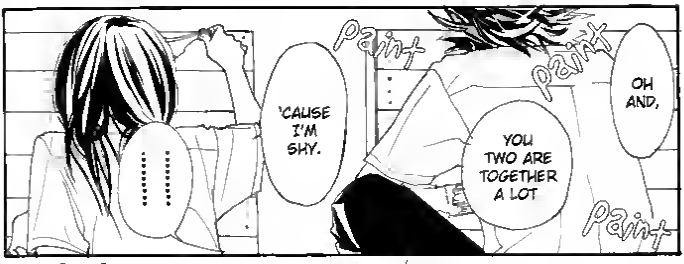
NO~ DON'T BRING SOMETHING LIKE THAT HERE!
whistle
click
saw
saw
saw
whoosh
WHAT'S UP? WHAT IS IT?
OH KAORU-CHAN, WELCOME BACK
NAAAH. JUST TESHIMA'S.
IT'S TESHIMA'S AND SASAKI'S FAULT!
Haha!
WE WERE LOOKING AT THE SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK
OHHH

Oh, speaking of which...
I SAW TESHIMA AND HARU-SAN AT THE TRAIN STATION YESTER-DAY.
hey
HARU-SAN GOES TO K HIGH SCHOOL TOO?
hey
hm
OUR CLASS HAS SO MANY KIDS FROM SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
I don't Get it
paint
paint
SASAKI WENT TO SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL TOO...
MAYBE I WANNA SEE IT
How he looked in middle school
I'LL GO DO SOME-THING
ARE YOU GONNA PAINT THE WHOLE THING WHITE?

DON'T SUDDENLY JUMP OUT AT ME!
YOU!!!
towel
towel
WHAT DO YOU MEAN JUMP OUT?!
People aren't bugs!
AHH!
SPLA
SH
WAH!
SA-SAKI!
WHAT SHOULD I DO? IT GOT ON YOUR SLEEVE TOO...
I'M SO SORRY!
IT'S WATER BASED
WHA?
BUT IF I WASH IT, IT'LL COME OFF
BUT IT'S PAINT
N...NO, I WAS TOO ENERGETIC, TOO...

Hah.
DON'T MAKE A FACE LIKE YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE BOTHERED!
I'M GLAD.
I WAS REALLY WORRIED.
HOW MANY BOARDS DO YOU HAVE TO PAINT?
HUH? UM, LEMME SEE
There were some here I think.
SASAKI? WHERE'D YOU GO?
Ha ha ha ha
BINGO!!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO?
...AH.
IT'S FINE. IT'S STUPID STUFF ANYWAY.
AND...

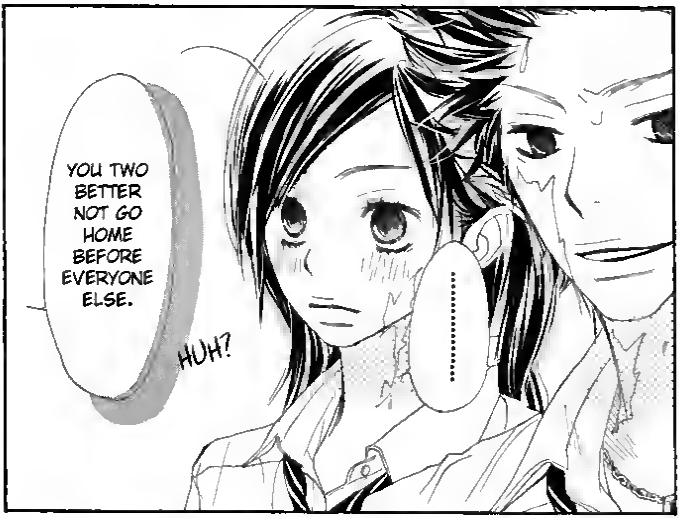
BESIDES, IT'S NOT A REUNION. IT'S NO FUN FOR THE PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T GO TO SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL.
.....
SO HE'S THE TYPE TO NOTICE THESE THINGS...
PAINT
PAINT
I'M SUR-PRISED
WHERE DID YOU GO TO MIDDLE SCHOOL?
....HYU-GA.
WHERE'S THAT?
I DUNNO. ONLY TWO PEOPLE CAME HERE FROM THERE.
WHO ELSE?
KONNO.
Speaking of where'd he GO?



(note) Sophomores

EVERYONE ELSE IS WORKING HARD, SO WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING PLAYING?!
YEAH, NO ONE ELSE IS DOING ANY-THING.
BUT TEACHER, WE'RE WORKING HARD AS WELL.
DON'T HOLD US BACK!

TA-DA
Okay lemme see that


YOU TWO BETTER NOT GO HOME BEFORE EVERYONE ELSE.
HUH?
.....

EVERYONE KNOWS THE ROPES TOO WELL...

throw
1-C
I'm gonna go wash my hands
UGH IT'S STICKY.
YOU'RE THROWING IT AWAY?
IT'S PRETTY OLD ANYWAY.
...OH.

SQUEAK
Too many breaks
OUR CLASS IS TOO SLOW!
Lucky!
A LOT OF THE CLASSES ALREADY FINISHED~
THROW
HERE
YOU HAVE A TON OF PAINT ON YOU.
SA-SAKI
HM?
!!!!
OH... THEY MIGHT HAVE SOME IN 1-B.
And they've already left.
HER
PLOP
PLOP
...NO INK IN THIS ONE EITHER.
'CAUSE I'M WORKING HARDER THAN EVERYONE ELSE.
THE ORANGE MARKER DIED. IS THERE ONE OVER THERE?
Do we have to go out and buy more?
BY THE WAY, KONNO, WHERE'D YOU GO BEFORE?
HM? OH, I WAS IN THE HOME EC ROOM MAKING CREAM PUFFS.
SAYING RANDOM THINGS
OH, WOW. YOU CAN BAKE?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

Joint
!?
YUP. FOUND IT
ROLL
IN THE END, I'M THE ONE WHO DIDN'T KNOW THE ROPES
Snore
SASAKI!
Since when?

HOO
HAA
HEH.
AND HE STILL HAS PAINT ON HIS FACE
.....
THUMP
THUMP

CLUNK
WOW IT'S MUCH SOFTER
FLUFF
FLUFF
FLUFF
IF OUR LAST NAMES WEREN'T THE SAME,
I WOULDN'T
BE THINKING ABOUT HIM LIKE THIS...
THAN IT LOOKS
SCRATCH
SCRATCH

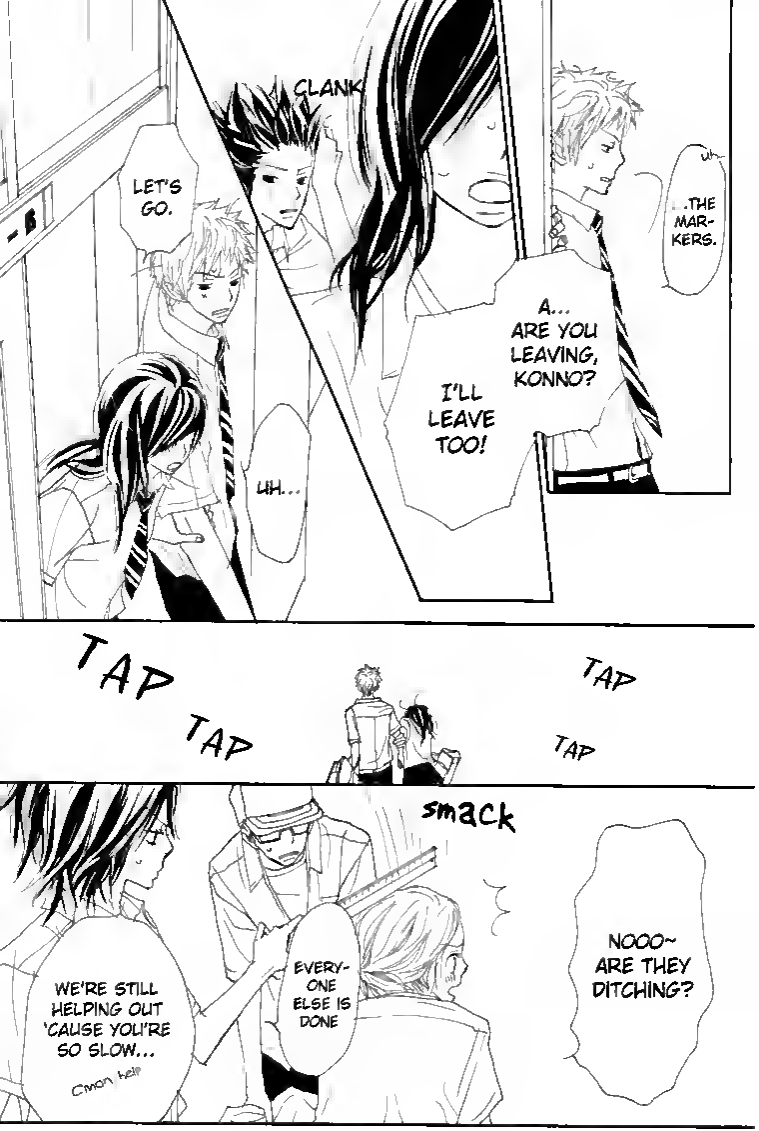
HMMMM
I GUESS IT DOESN'T MATTER
WHO ARE YOU?

...
SASA...
KI?
Ahhhh!!
UH—

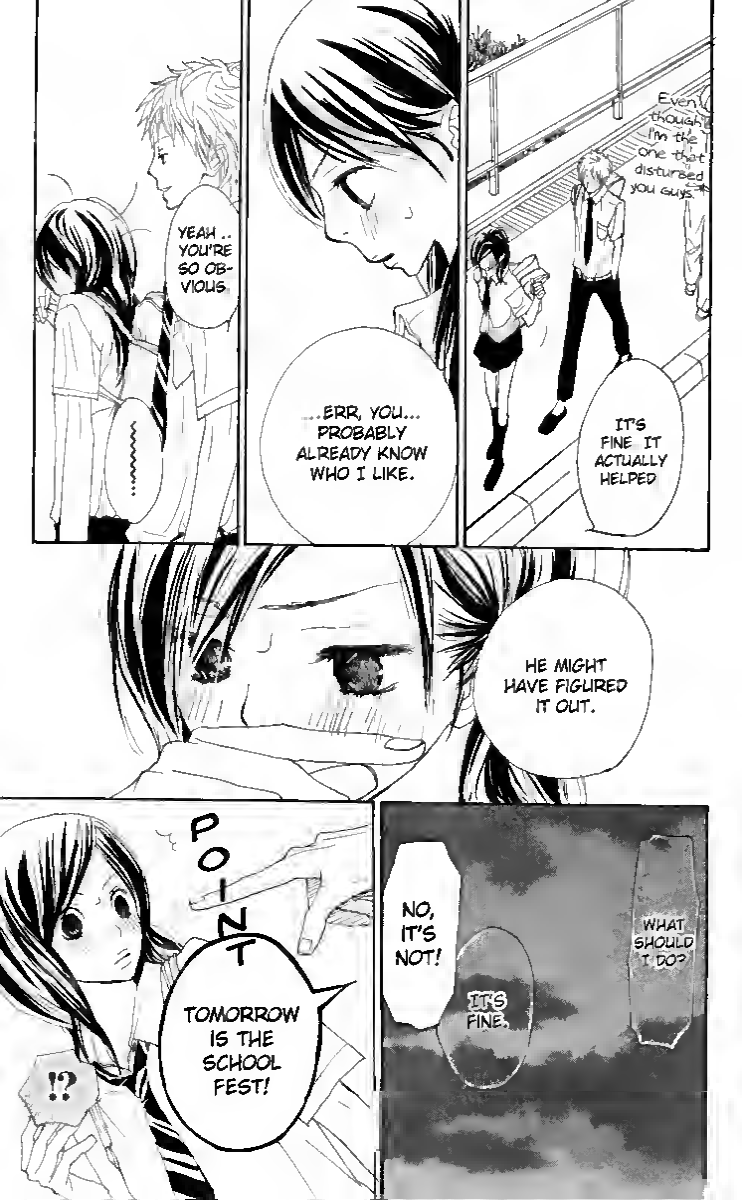
CLUNK
WHA?
SORRY!
SUDDEN IMPULSE!
CLUNK
Shh
Wait...
Didn't I just say something bad?
... I DON'T GET IT, BUT... WHAT'D YOU DO?
%82%C8 NOTHING!
Translation into symbols
TELL...
What should I do?!
YOU DEFINITELY DID SOMETHING!
You're acting weird!
He heard? Did he hear?

BLUSH
thump
For now... Just make something up!
Hurry...
Hurry...
.....
N
.....
thump

Hurry...
thump
thump
.....
SASAKI!
UH.. SO...
WE ALREADY FINISHED SO WE DON'T NEED...
!


CLANK
LET'S GO.
UH...
A... ARE YOU LEAVING, KONNO?
I'LL LEAVE TOO!
uh
..THE MARKERS.
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
smack
WE'RE STILL HELPING OUT 'CAUSE YOU'RE SO SLOW...
Cmon help
EVERY-ONE ELSE IS DONE
NOOO~ ARE THEY DITCHING?

I LIKE ALL GOOD GUYS.
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU THOUGHT SUZUKI WAS GOOD BEFORE?
WHAT? YUMI, ARE YOU AFTER KONNO?
URGG, THOSE TWO ARE SO CLOSE.
.....
WAS IT ALRIGHT THAT I CAME?


Even though I'm the one that disturbed you guys
IT'S FINE. IT ACTUALLY HELPED
...ERR, YOU... PROBABLY ALREADY KNOW WHO I LIKE.
YEAH .. YOU'RE SO OBVIOUS
.....
HE MIGHT HAVE FIGURED IT OUT.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
IT'S FINE.
NO, IT'S NOT!
POINT
TOMORROW IS THE SCHOOL FEST!
!?

EVERYONE WILL BE IN A GOOD MOOD. IT'S YOUR CHANCE!
THAT'S TRUE...
SQUEAK
.....
MY CHANCE...
Paradise Festival

Home EC Room
TAE-CHAN, WHEN DOES YOUR SHIFT END?
UMMM, 12.30 I THINK.
I WONDER WHEN SASAKI IS OFF
WHEN ARE YOU GUYS FREE?
YAWN
YUP! CAN'T WAIT
IS THERE ICE CREAM IN HERE?
FROM 12:30.
YAY! WE'RE ALL TOGETHER!
DISAPPOINTED
AW
Let's walk together, kay?
I START MY SHIFT AT 12.30.
Um
AWW
We'll miss each other then
WHAT ABOUT YOU, KAORU-CHAN?
LET'S WALK TOGETHER WHEN WE'RE FREE
SAME~
OH.
SASAKI! KANEYAMA!
Morning!
!
Jerk

WHERE IS MY CHANCE
GLANCE
!
YO.
WAH!
No, my body is acting by itself!!
THUNK
THUNK
HEY!
TURN
YOU'RE IGNORING ME?
WALK
WALK
WALK

PLUS WE'RE FILLED WITH CUSTOMERS
YEAH, BUT THE NEXT SHIFT ISN'T HERE.
I WANNA GO WALK AROUND
HEY, IT'S ALMOST 12:30.
NEXT IS KAORU-CHAN AND KONNO-KUN AND OTHER PEOPLE RIGHT?
WELCOME
THANKS FOR COMING—
Over there
SASAKI, GO FIND THEM.
HM?
Since you're not doing anything
HV ROOM
UGH, THIS IS HORRIBLE. MY IMPRESSION IS TERRIBLE!

I guess that didn't make you feel better
NO... THERE'S STILL TIME. DON'T GIVE UP.
CHEER UP.
IT WASN'T THAT GREAT FROM THE START...
IM-POS-SIBLE.
JUST FORGET ABOUT IT.
Keep smiling
YEAH, BUT...
YES-TERDAY? THAT WASN'T SO BAD..
BUT I REMEMBER YESTERDAY AND I CAN'T EVEN TALK TO HIM!
WHAT? DON'T REFRAIN! ENCOURAGE ME!
Negligence
THEN GIVE UP.
ARGH
GO
KONNO! YOU CAN AT LEAST LISTEN TO ME!
It's hot and I'm thirsty
I'M NOT GOOD AT THAT SORT OF STUFF.

*T/N The term used here for 'hung out' (tsukiau) can also mean 'to date

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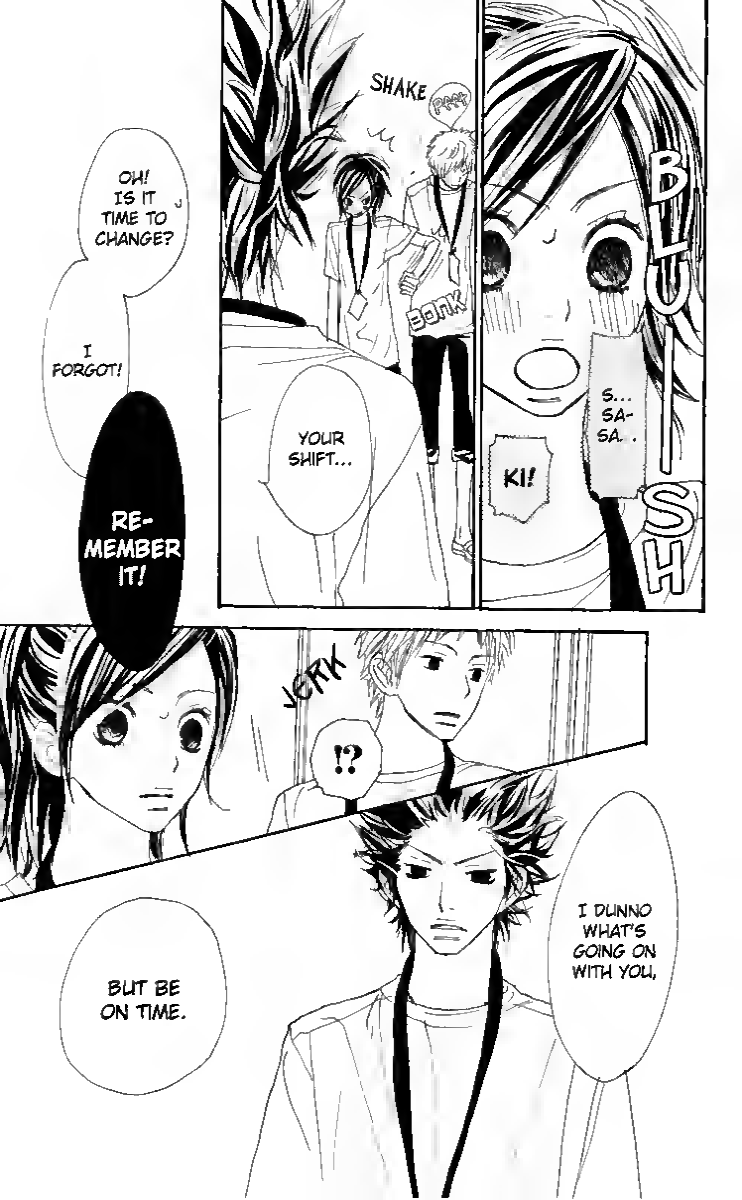
Haunted House


BLUSH
S... SA-SA.
KI!
SHAKE
Pat
BONK
YOUR SHIFT...
OH! IS IT TIME TO CHANGE?
I FORGOT!
RE-MEMBER IT!
JERK
!?
I DUNNO WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU,
BUT BE ON TIME.

YOU'RE INCONVEN-IENCING EVERYONE.
.....
...S...
SOR-RY...
.....
NOW, NOW, YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET THAT ANGRY.
SHE HAS A LOT GOING ON...
GRR
I'M TALKING TO YOU TOO, KONNO. IT'S YOUR SHIFT, TOO.
HUH?
.....
HUH?
IT'S FINE IF YOU UNDER-STAND.
OH, WELL, SORRY ABOUT THAT.

BRUSH
DON'T GET ALL UPSET OVER TWO TO THREE MINUTES.
HAH ?!
S... SORRY SASAKI!
I FORCED KONNO TO COME WITH ME.
!
IT'S MY FAULT.
...I'M SORRY.

...I'm doomed.
POP
NICE JOB!
EVEN THOUGH WE MADE EXTRA FOR TODAY BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH THE FIRST DAY, WE STILL RAN OUT.
PLUS, THERE WERE PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL THAT CAME, TOO.
WHO'S COMING TO THE PARTY?

BUSTLE
BUSTLE
The school festival ended...
IN THE END IT JUST BECAME AWKWARD
KAORU, ARE YOU COMING TO THE PARTY?
YEAH!
I WONDER WHERE KONNO WENT.
He disappeared a while ago
.....
HM. HIS GIRLFRIEND CAME SO... I DUNNO.
WHAT?! KONNO HAS A GIRL-FRIEND?
NO WAY! WHO?
UH, A GIRL FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL
NO—! THAT'S NOT FAIR!

.....
Don't bother, Yumi. You're being creepy
WHEN YOU'RE DONE CLEANING UP, MEET UP, 'KAY?
GRAB
SA-SAKI...!

HALT
HUH ?!
UM.. HE DISAPPEARED WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND
BUT I'LL MAKE UP WHAT HE ..!
STUPID KONNO
UH ..
WHERE'S KONNO?
THUMP
THUMP
...TH.. THANKS
DON'T JOKE AROUND.
Jerk
...!!
ARE YOU OKAY GETTING TREATED LIKE THIS?
GOING OUT WITH YOU AND HIS GIRLFRIEND. THAT'S TERRIBLE!
.....
.....

WHAT?
..SORRY, I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND ..
I'M GOING OUT WITH WHO ..?
KON-NO.
OB-VIOUSLY!
JUST WAIT A MINUTE!
THERE'S NO WAY!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIDE IT.
And why am I the other woman?
YOU WERE CRYING YESTERDAY
BLUSH
THAT WAS...
FREEZE
CHOOSE SOMEONE WHO WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU BETTER.
N
Ahh... Sheesh...

Whatever!
WHAT?
THIS.
DO YOU REMEMBER THIS?
.....?
THIS... OH, THE THING I THREW AWAY?
WHY DO YOU HAVE...

IT MEANS THIS.
!
CHU ♡

I...
AND?
DON'T GET IT.
I— MEAN—
GYAAA! EVEN AFTER I DID SUCH AN EMBARRASSING THING...
THE THINGS OF THE PERSON YOU LIKE ARE TREASURES!



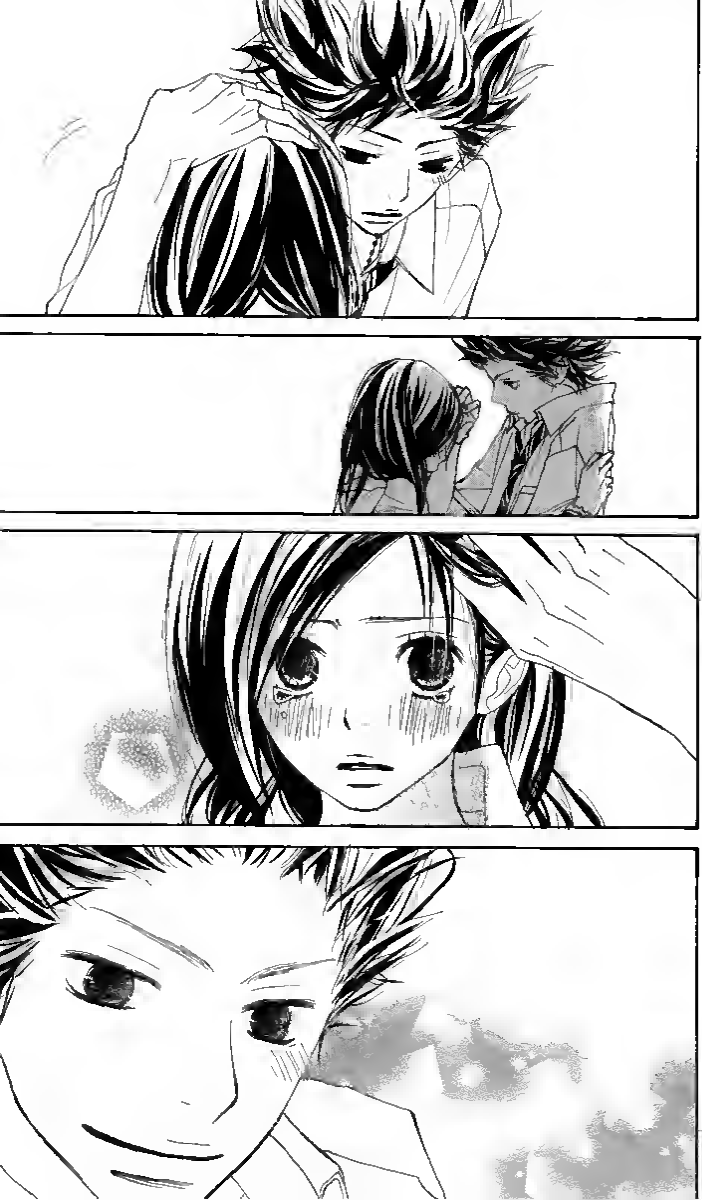
I said it.

WELL..
IT'S PROBABLY AN ANNOYANCE FOR YOU, BUT...
UM...

IF YOU SAY YOU WANNA GO BACK TO KONNO AFTERWARDS,
HUH...?
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU.
FORGIVE ME FOR THIS MUCH.

!
I'M NOT GONNA GIVE YOU BACK.
THAT WAS..
A MISUNDER-STANDING...
.....
.....

DROP
OKAY.



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# Wish Upon a Star, From Me to You

IT'S BEEN ALMOST A MONTH AFTER STARTING OUR RELATIONSHIP, AND THIS IS MY FIRST DATE OUT WITH MY BOYFRIEND.

HUH? MAYBE I WAS A LITTLE EARLY?
GLANCE
AYUMU, HERE!
AH,
KAJIMURA-KUN.
MORN-ING!
HI!
Oh, but I wear jerseys
Oh, yeah hahaha
THIS MIGHT BE THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU NOT WEARING A SKIRT
Nice look
WELL, I'M ALWAYS IN MY UNIFORM
THIS IS MY BOYFRIEND, KAJIMURA MAKOTO.

Achoo!
DO YOU HAVE A COLD?
NO... IT'S THE SUN
If it's alright I sneeze.
TODAY'S CHANCE OF RAIN WAS 80%
REALLY? THE SUNLIGHT IS HITTING ME THOUGH
Around my head? Hah? Where?
WHAT WERE WE BUYING?
I DON'T KNOW LET'S JUST WANDER
OH!
LOOK, HIROTO. THERE'S A CROWD OVER THERE——
I wonder if something's happening?

FREEZE
WHO'S HIROTO?
YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED?
.....
AYU-MU...
HUH?
WH...
WH...WH... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU JUST CALLED ME HIROTO.
!
I SAID MAKOTO!
Aheha!
NO.
You didn't.
HE'S MY LITTLE BRO-THER?
YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T HAVE SIBLINGS.
Um...
MY...
... EX...
Boyfriend
.....
.....
.....

YOU DIDN'T ACTUALLY HAVE TO TELL THE TRUTH.
You should have just convinced him it was your little brother
Sulp
1 - C
OH, SO THEN KAJIMURA CAME TO ME TO GET INFORMATION——
AND YOU SAID...?
AND AFTER THAT, THE AWKWARDNESS... I WAS ABOUT TO DIE
Speaking habits are scary
AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DATE STARTED, HUH?
BUT... I JUST FELT LIKE... I COULDN'T GET AWAY...
The atmosphere.
WAHH
DON'T TELL HIM I WAS UPSET!
WHY DID YOU TELL HIM ALL THAT!?
About other people!
SORRY, I WAS TRYING TO PROVE YOUR INNOCENCE
sorry
EHE.
NO, NO, NO, ABOUT HALF A YEAR AGO, SHE GOT DUMPED! AND UNTIL SHE STARTED GOING OUT WITH FUJIMURA, SHE WAS REALLY UPSET!
SHE SAID HE WAS AN EX BUT MAYBE THEY'RE SECRETLY STILL TOGETHER OR SOMETHING?

WELL...
He's been busy a year...
DID YOU MANAGE TO FIGURE OUT YOUR FEELINGS?
CLICK
ABOUT WHAT?
BUT HONESTLY, HOW DO YOU FEEL?
Haru
Hibino
Hiromi
Fumitsu
NOT THERE.
Okay, good.
HE'S ...
SNATCH
!!
dummy
HIROTO WAS MY FIRST BOYFRIEND.
REALLY, THAT'S JUST A DUMMY CONTACT...
EH?...
OBVIOUSLY.
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

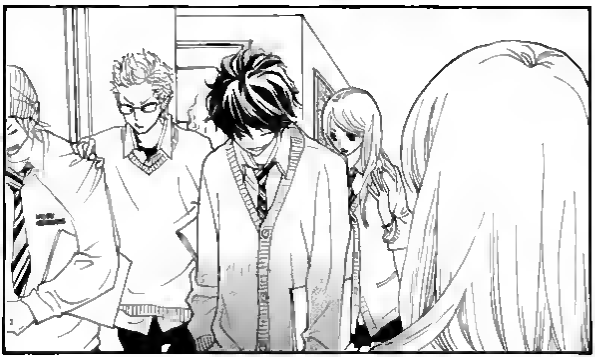
I HAD A CRUSH ON HIROTO WHO WORKED AT A CONVENIENCE STORE THAT I WENT TO A LOT.
AND WHEN WE FINALLY STARTED DATING, I WAS SO HAPPY AND EVERYTHING SEEMED TO REVOLVE AROUND HIM.
I REALLY LIKED HIM AND WANTED TO HAVE HIM ALL FOR MYSELF.
YEAH. I WAS HANGING OUT WITH RIHO-SENPAI YESTERDAY.
SO?
SO?!
COULD YA CUT IT OUT?
BEFORE I REALIZED IT,
UH- YOU KNOW
BUT YOU TOLD ME YOU COULDN'T MEET ME BECAUSE OF AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS!
MY FRIEND SAID SHE SAW YOU GUYS HOLDING HANDS IN AN ARCADE TOGETHER.
IT WAS ALREADY OVER.
SORRY, BUT GOING BACK AND FORTH IS ANNOYING.

THE REASON I STARTED DATING KAJIMURA-KUN,

WAS BECAUSE, EVEN THOUGH I BARELY SPOKE TO HIM, HE TOLD ME THAT HE LIKED ME AND I DIDN'T MIND.

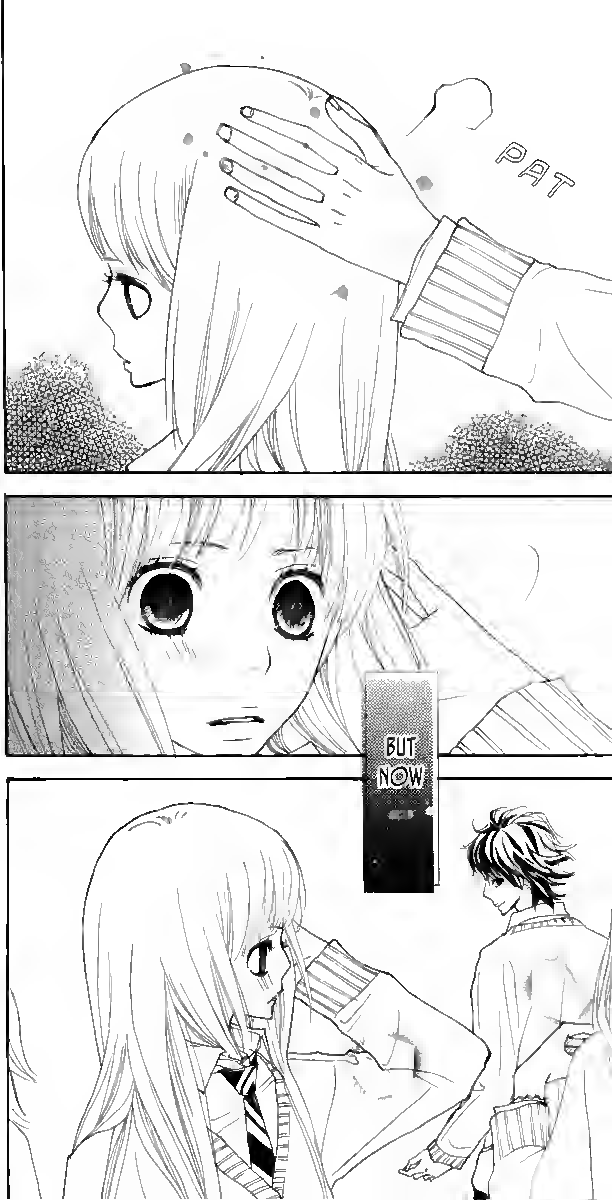
THAT WAS IT.

ALL THAT WAS LEFT



WAS A NUMBER THAT COULDN'T BE ERASED

AND A BROKEN HEART.


PAT
BUT
NOW

EVERYDAY I KNOW MY FEELINGS ARE GROWING STRONGER.

THIS TIME I
DON'T WANT
TO RUIN IT.

1 - E
PROBABLY...
HA HA HA
.....
What an idiot! He's an idiot. That's why I said—
THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'RE HAVING FUN...
They're so close.
E class.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?...
Ah—
HA HA!
AH, LET'S ALL GO CRASH KINOSHITA'S PART TIME JOB!
IS IT OKAY TODAY?
YEAH.
.....
Right
Yeah, but I understand
I saw something scary
Like...
Yeah!
Yeah!
Ok.

Oh,
THEN LET'S GO!
And use Kinashita hehehe!
Sorry
EH?
I'M GONNA PASS
WHAT? WHY? KAJI, YOU SHOULD COME TOO.
BLUSH
FIRST
KAJI HAS TO PUT HIS GIRLFRIEND FIRST
EH
BUT LAST TIME WE ALL WENT OUT, KAJI WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T COME.
You're so lame
JERK
OH, WAIT. MAYBE... IS KITAMI-SAN THE TYPE WHO GETS JEALOUS EASILY?
!
DUZZZ
YEAH, WELL ACTUALLY, THAT'S JUST IT.
!!

I GUESS I'LL SEND HIM A MESSAGE SAYING HE SHOULD GO.
WH...
WH...
WHAT TO DO?
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
NO WAY. HE SERIOUSLY ALREADY THINKS THAT?
THUMP
IF HOMEROOM WAS OVER, YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST COME IN
AYUMU.
search?
search
HUH?
CELL-PHONE?
AH...
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE..
THUMP
!
PU
SH
KAJI, YOU'RE SERIOUSLY NOT COMING?
NOPE. BYE.

1-E
GO ON!
WHA?
PUSHPUSH→
BUT-
ONCE IN A WHILE, RIGHT?!!
Do it as a favor for me.
KAJI-MURA-KUN SHOULD GO AS WELL.
Did you even hear me?
YOU'RE ALL GOING SOMEWHERE, RIGHT?
Oh,
KAJI, SHE GAVE YOU HER PERMISSION.
Let's go!
.....
DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU NEED TO DO OR...?
WHO? ME?
NO, BUT...
Ah ha ha
OKAY SO THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO HOLD BACK
LET'S GO HOME.

PAUSE
YOU, TOO ...
I'M HAPPY BUT I WANT TO AVOID BEING A BURDEN...
AYUMU?
.....
UM... OKAY. THEN JUST WAIT A SEC.
I NEED TO GO FIND MY PHONE
YOU LOST IT?
Umm...
I WAS PLAYING WITH IT WHEN WE WERE CLEANING SO IT'S PROBABLY IN THE LIBRARY.
CAN I GO LOOK?
WELL WHY DON'T WE BOTH
AH, NO! IT'S OKAY!

THAT'S FUNNY... I'M NOT CONSCIOUSLY BEING LIKE THIS...
MAYBE THIS TIME I'M JUST ACTING THIS WAY WITHOUT THINKING...
TURN
STEP STEP
HUH? AREN'T YOU LEAVING?
SHE SAID SHE'S GETTING HER PHONE...
Haa
OH...
HOW GLOOMY!
Go home!
Poisonous things are growing
It smells bad!
.....

Oh that.
JUST AN EXCUSE NOT TO GO?
HEY!
HUH ..
IT'S JUST NOT WORKING.
SHE'S THE JEALOUS TYPE?
PAST TENSE?
IT WAS... I THOUGHT IT WAS
WITH KITAMI-SAN?
IT'LL BE ALMOST A MONTH THAT WE'VE BEEN GOING OUT... BUT I FEEL LIKE WE'RE GROWING APART...
.....
MAYBE BECAUSE IT BOTHERS ME THAT I FEEL THAT WAY ..

I WONDER IF SHE EVEN LIKES ME...
Hmmm
SO WHY DON'T WE TEST IT?
IT'S FINE, BUT IT ALL SEEMS SO DISTANT ..
AND SHE STILL CALLS ME "KAJIMURA-KUN "
SO?
HUG
KAJI SHOULD ALSO CHANGE FOR ME...
IM-POS-SIBLE
Sorry
BE LIKE THIS AND IF KITAMURA-SAN'S ATTITUDE DOESN'T CHANGE, THEN SHE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT YOU.
WAAH!
GET OFF, PERVERT!!
I'LL KISS YOUUUU!
WAHAHA!
And I was being a little serious!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN IMPOS-SIBLE ??

AHHH... BUT WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO IF AYUMU REALLY COMES?
SMOOCH
AYUMU-CHAN!
AH
No way! That was fast!
Step

SHE'S NOT EVEN A GIRL...
HEY! You jerk!
Eh!
SORRY, WE WERE JUST FOOLING AROUND.
AHHH, IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK! IT WASN'T LIKE THAT!
Gulp
BWA HA HAAA
FLEE
Run!
HEY!
That's discouraging.
WE'RE LEAVING, OKAY?
EVERYONE WAS THERE AND FROM THEIR REACTIONS, IT WAS JUST A JOKE.
OKAY?
IT'S FINE.
CALM DOWN
CALM DOWN

Er
Uh..
AYUMU-CHAN..?
HUH?
MY CELL-PHONE

I FOUND IT.
IT WAS IN THE LIBRARY.
I'm lucky

SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT.
LET'S GO
.....
.....
KAJIMURA-KUN?
turn

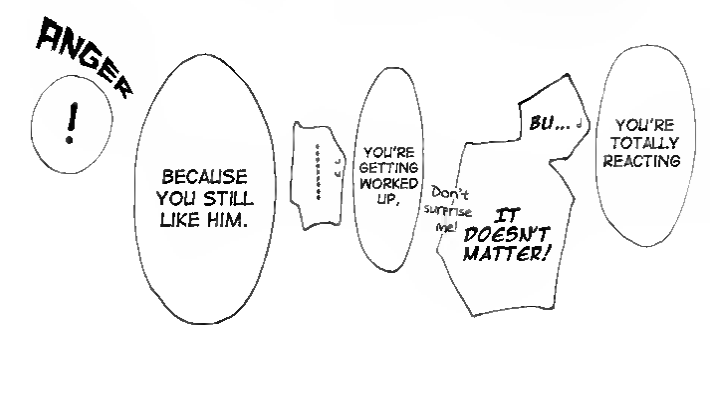
"DON'T GIVE ME THAT CRAP."

NOT... REALLY.

AYUMU.
.....
NO.
COME ON.
NO... YOU'RE STARING AND IT'S EMBARRASSING
LOOK AT ME AND SAY IT.
SMILE
IT'S NOTHING.
REALLY ...

grab
!

HIROTO.
LET'S GO HOME.
.....
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT?
SO YOU STILL CARE ABOUT THAT GUY.


ANGER
!
BECAUSE YOU STILL LIKE HIM.
.....
YOU'RE GETTING WORKED UP.
Don't surprise me!
BU...
IT DOESN'T MATTER!
YOU'RE TOTALLY REACTING

WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU KISSED THAT GIRL AND NOW YOU'RE LIKE THIS? YOU'RE THE WORST!
YOU'RE SO PERSISTENT! THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU!
DON'T JOKE AROUND WITH ME! YOU EXPECT ME TO BE ABLE TO KISS YOU AFTER SEEING SOMETHING LIKE THAT?!?!

BLUSH
UH...
gasp.
.....
EK... UM...
.....
WAIT, WAIT...
.....
.....
UGH... I SAID IT! AHHHHH, WHAT SHOULD I DO?
JERK
AYUMU.
SORRY... FOR THAT...
I'M SORRY.

...WHA?
?
I'M SORRY FOR MAKING YOU FEEL BAD.
IT'LL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN.
.....
NO I MEAN-
IT WAS MY FAULT TOO....

IT WOULD BE WEIRDER IF YOU WERE CALM ABOUT IT.
IT'S NORMAL.
I'M NO GOOD...
I SHOULD BE MORE CALM...
AHHH. IT'S NOT GOOD IS IT? TO GET WORKED UP OVER SOMETHING so sad LIKE THAT.
.....
BUT HIROTO HATED WHEN I WAS LIKE THAT...
ANGER

I'M NOT HIROTO.
!
.....
AH...
.....
JUST... REMEMBER THAT.

SLIDE...

I WAS...
TRYING TO BE CAREFUL SO THAT...
SOMETHING LIKE BEFORE WOULDN'T HAPPEN AGAIN.
BUT THIS...
THIS ISN'T...
breathe
rustle
CLICK
Hiromi
Izafumi

Who's this?
...HIROTO?
Aah
Aah
Aah
HUH? AYU-MU?
I JUST SAW KAJIMURA BY HIMSELF
A fres-ent?
Ob-viously not
YEAH... JUST..
ISHI-DA
Good job
WELL... DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
I'M GOING TO SEE HIROTO

Hey!!
I'M GOING.
AYU-MU?!
WHAT?!
WAIT-
OH...
ring ring
I NEED TO SEE ...
HEY
Oh? Kajimura? It's Nishida.
Ayu-mu is...

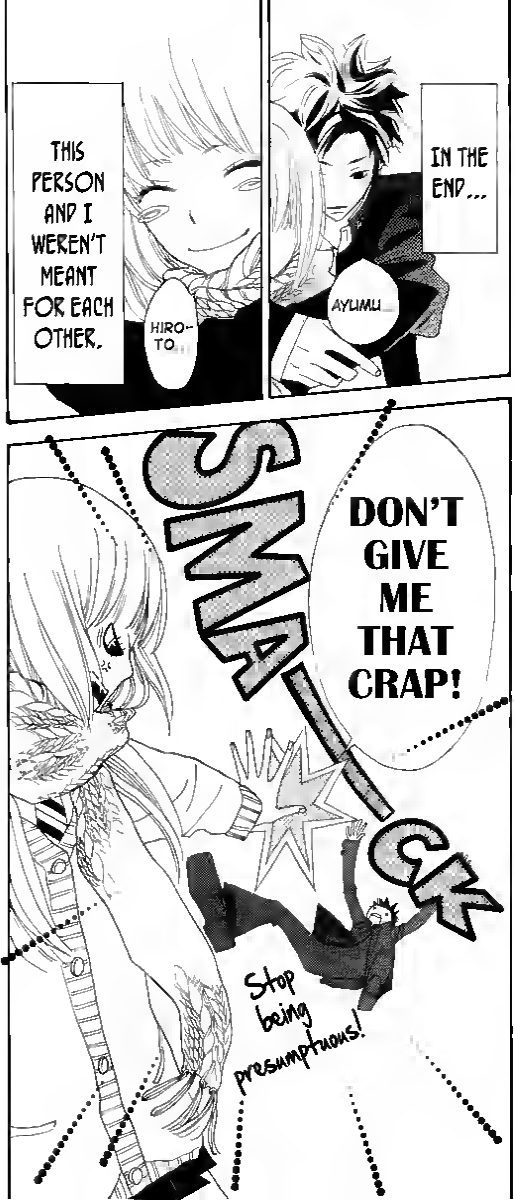
GULP
HEY. IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

IT'S BEEN ABOUT HALF A YEAR I WAS SURPRISED
SORRY FOR CALLING YOU.
IT'S FINE. WHY DON'T YOU SIT?
...OKAY.
ACTUALLY, I WAS HAPPY...
RECENTLY, I'VE REALLY BEEN WANTING TO SEE AYUMU AGAIN.
No way.
EVEN THOUGH IT SEEMED LIKE YOU COULDN'T EVEN REMEMBER WHAT I SOUNDED LIKE...
.....
GRIP
YOUR HAIR GOT LONGER.
AND YOU SEEM CUTER NOW.

toilet
FLUSH
CLICK
MINA?
SORRY ABOUT TODAY? I CAN'T MAKE IT.
I SUDDENLY MET UP WITH MY FRIEND FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL. IT'S A MINI REUNION.
YEAH, IT'S A GUY I'M SERIOUS.
MHM, MHM
LATER
SLAM
AFTER THIS, WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO?
WANNA COME OVER?
I'M LEAVING.
HUH?
THE PROBLEM WITH HIROTO MIGHT HAVE BEEN HIS MISLEADING SINCERE APPEARANCE...

AYUMU, WAIT UP!
Brr it's cold
HEY, WAIT!
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE
YOU JUST GOT HERE, WHAT'S WRONG?

JUST LIKE THAT,
YOU'RE ACTING THE WAY YOU ALWAYS DID,
UNINTENTIONALLY HURTING PEOPLE.
DON'T LEAVE
I.. KIND OF FEEL MY OLD FEELINGS COMING BACK
!




NOT EVEN THINKING ABOUT...

HOW MUCH YOU'LL HURT YOUR CURRENT GIRLFRIEND, WHETHER SHE WAS OR NOT

OR ABOUT HOW MUCH YOU LED US ON...

I WANNA SEE HIM.
CLUNK
CLUNK
CLANK
KAJIMURA-KUN?
Yeah?
IT'S AYUMU.
MORE THAN TEXTS, HIS VOICE ...
...I know.
MORE THAN HIS VOICE, HIS FACE...
CAN I COME OVER NOW?
...What?
I MEAN.. I JUST WANNA SEE YOU.
A MINUTE OR 30 SECONDS IS FINE.
Oh...
Right now is...

OH.
WELL, OKAY THEN BYE
click
.....
I KNOW... YOU'RE ANGRY, RIGHT?
ARGGG! I CAN JUST SEE HIM TOMORROW AT SCHOOL!
Get a hold of yourself!
SLAP
jerk
jerk
I CAN HEAR YOU TALKING TO YOURSELF.

WELCOME BACK.
KAJI.. WH.. WH.. WHAT?
THIS ISN'T YOUR STOP, IS IT?
WAIT, BUT IF I JUST TALKED TO YOU AND YOU'RE HERE .. NO WAY.

HMMM, I JUST WANTED TO SEE YOUR FACE?

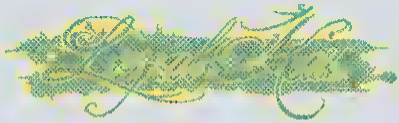
THUD
.....
AYU-MU...
.....
THE POLICEMAN IS LOOKING AT US.
Or rather glaring?
GLARE
Nervous
Nervous
JUST A LITTLE LONGER.
.....

I, UM, WENT AND SAW HIROTO.
...YEAH.
YOU'RE NOT SUR-- PRISED?
I BELIEVE YOU.
.....
THANK YOU.
HUH?
What?
NEVER MIND It's no-thing
WELL ACTUALLY, TO A CERTAIN DEGREE I WAS BET-TING...
MUMBLE
.....

MAKOTO.
JERK
!
ER—
MAYBE I'LL START CALLING YOU...
THAT.
blusssh
UM...
SURE...
fades out

BLUSHH
WELL
cough
ASKING IS...
UN-NE-CES-SARY
SORTA LIKE..
S... SORRY.
IT'S FINE.

《 END 》



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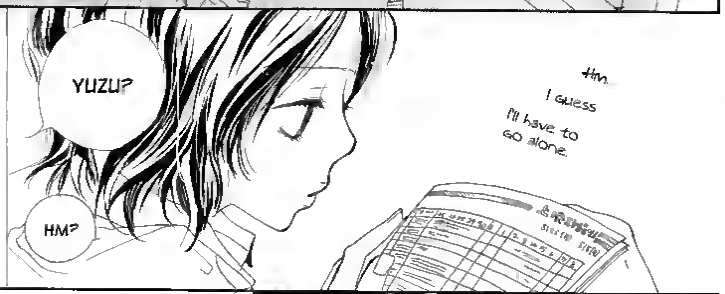
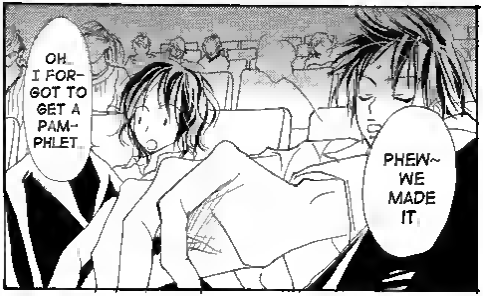
COME ON, IT'S OK IF YOU SKIP ONE DAY
NO
BOO
I HAVE CLU...
YUP, LET'S GO TO SEE IT
AH! IT PREMIERS TODAY!
THE MOVIE ?
NO ENTRY


YUZU?
HM?
Hm
I guess
I'll have to
go alone.

WHAT TIME DOES THE LAST SHOW BEGIN?

It's Nonsense but
important

TOMO!
RUN!!
YOU SNUCK OUT?
I HAD SOMEONE COVER ME FOR CLEAN UP
HOW MANY MINUTES?
EIGHT!
REALLY? HURRY!!
YUZU!
DASH!
SO FAST!




TOMO IS

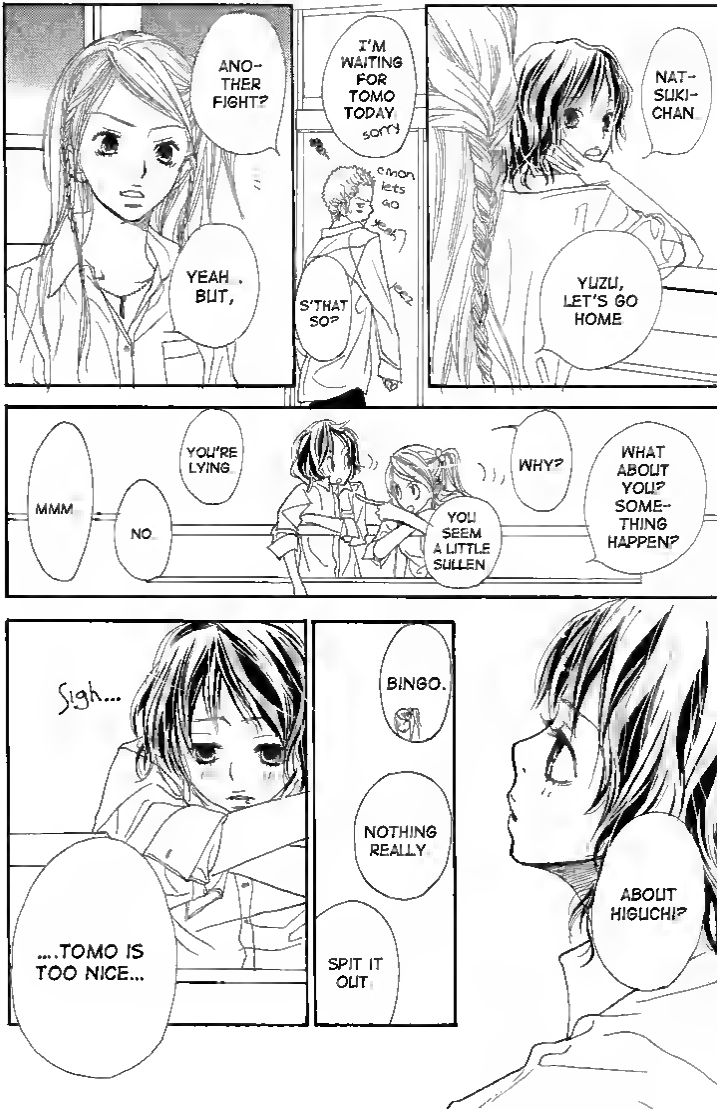
ALWAYS BUSY WITH HIS CLUB ACTIVITY, BUT HE'S NICE...

WE STRIVE FOR GOOD EVERY DAY LIVES.

CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
WE JUST NEED ONE
HE'S LATE...
ARE YOU SURE?
THANKS
TOMO
IT'S GONNA START

I DON'T NEED ONE
HERE'S YOURS
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOURS ?
THERE WEREN'T ANY PAMPHLETS LEFT AND I HAD TWO SO I GAVE HER ONE
FRIEND OF YOURS ?
I DON'T KNOW HER,
STOP IT!
. YOU'RE SO NICE
pat pat
WELL, WE'RE BOTH WATCHING IT
HEY, IT'S STARTING!
mutter mutter
I WISH WE COULD HAVE BOTH BEEN HOLDING THEM
I WASN'T PRAISING YOU...

I KNOW HE DOESN'T HAVE OTHER INTENTIONS...
Want a hand?
thanks
hey
help me!
sorry my hands are full!
I mean I can manage on my own
It's fine
I'll carry them
Oh,?
IT'S A MISUNDERSTANDING~
UGH, I'M LEAVING


NAT-SUKI-CHAN
YUZU, LET'S GO HOME
I'M WAITING FOR TOMO TODAY sorry
c'mon let's go
S'THAT SO?
ANO-THER FIGHT?
YEAH . BUT,
WHAT ABOUT YOU? SOME-THING HAPPEN?
WHY?
YOU SEEM A LITTLE SULLEN
YOU'RE LYING
NO
MMM
ABOUT HIGUCHI?
BINGO.
NOTHING REALLY
SPIT IT OUT
Sigh...
....TOMO IS TOO NICE...

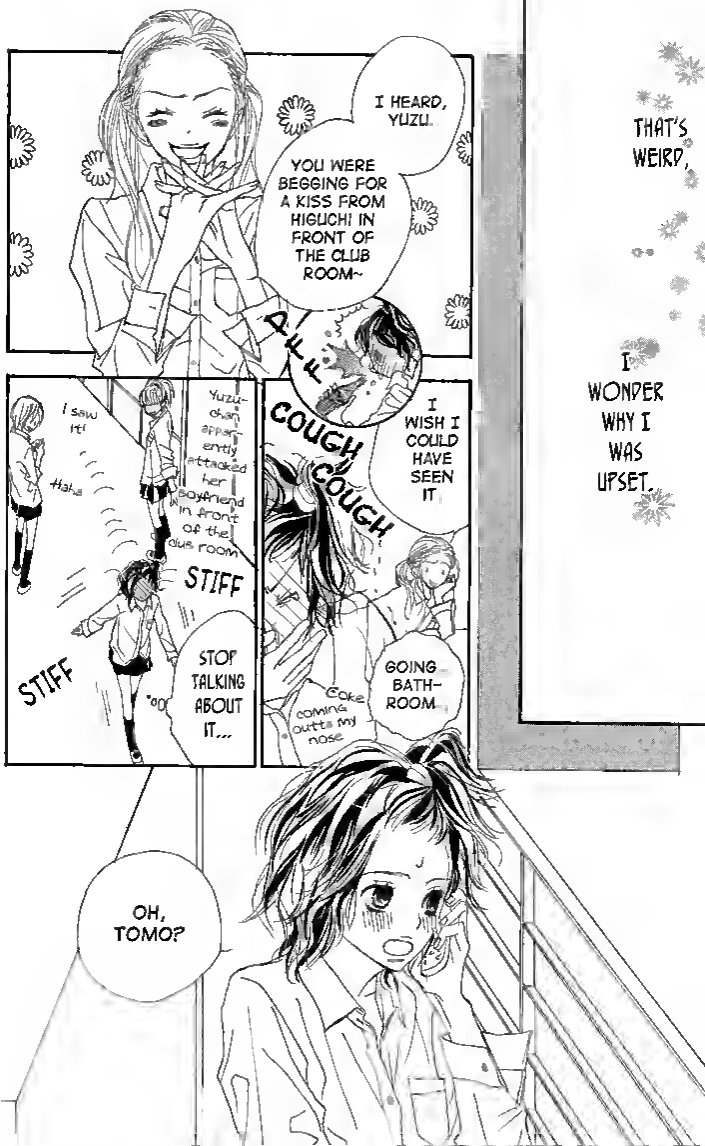
I'LL DIE!
I'LL DIE!
I'LL DIE!!
AHHH
When people are seriously listening!
kick kick kick
I'M JEALOUS HE'S SO NICE
I want some of that niceness
BUT IT'S TOWARD ANYONE ABOUT ANYTHING!!
I FEEL LIKE HE'S TREATING ME THE SAME..
AS EVERYONE ELSE
OR MAYBE YOU ACTUALLY AREN'T SPECIAL
SHUT UP
you forced me to talk and you treat me like this?
poor sorry there there
aw
OH, YOU'RE WORRIED THAT HE'S NOT TREATING YOU SPECIALLY YOU POOR THING!

yep
Was that right?
the two of them totally
HEY
YOU WERE LATE TODAY
NEXT WEEK WE HAVE A GAME SO WE HAD STRENGTH CONDITIONING
WOW YOUR HANDS ARE COLD
release
AH UM SORRY!

better?
mine aren't that much w/ their cute...
YOU WERE WAITING OUTSIDE?
I WAS WATCHING YOU PRAC-TICE...
OH, SORRY IT'S SO LATE
IT'S FINE
stare

TURN
NO
B
WHY NOT ?!
Are you gonna do it or not?
What?
GYAHHH!!
CROWD
Hiaaah!
Come on!
Wahhh
um...
SUR-ROUND-ING?
CROWD
CROWD
CROWD
pant
pant
pant
pant
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO RUN
pant
pant
AHH..
BUT
GAH
AHH
This is so stupid
I can't believe it
AHH
I'M EMBAR-RASSED

BWA HA HA HA HA hece
HA
HA
HA
HA
WAH!
DON'T LAUGH!!
YUZU


I HEARD, YUZU.
YOU WERE BEGGING FOR A KISS FROM HIGUCHI IN FRONT OF THE CLUB ROOM~
PUH
COUGH COUGH
I WISH I COULD HAVE SEEN IT
GOING BATH-ROOM
Coke coming outta my nose
Yuzu-chan apparently attacked her boyfriend in front of the club room
I saw it!
Hah...
STIFF
STIFF
STOP TALKING ABOUT IT...
OH, TOMO?
THAT'S WEIRD,
I WONDER WHY I WAS UPSET.

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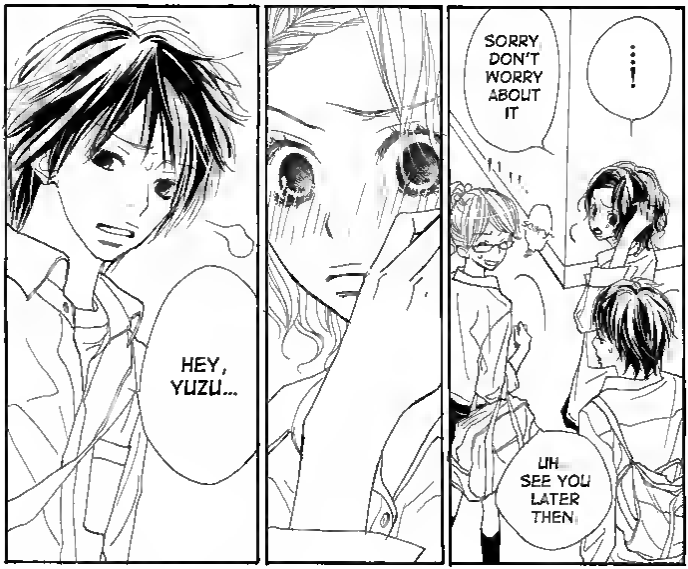
creepy lady
THAT'S NOT A WATCH
OH IT'S ALREADY 4?
FLIP
SOCCER magazine
THIS IS WHAT TOMO ALWAYS BUYS...
mutter
mutter
recently
LEAVE ME ALONE ALREADY...
SOCCER

I'M HUN-GRY
.....
RING RING RING RING
TOMO!
Sorry!
Still not finished.
Go home first
flip
flip
flip
flip...
DROP
WHAAAT?!
How long do you think I've wai
sigh...

Okay.
It must be tough.
Good luck!
HE DID SAY IT WAS STRENGTH TRAINING.
Oh well
GRAB
SALE
I ALREADY BOUGHT THIS...

TOMO!
...YAWN
OH, YUZU
SORRY ABOUT YES-TER-DAY
I AM TIRED.
...YOU LOOK SO TIRED.
HE MUST BE WORK-ING SO HARD.
OH, AND THIS
HIGU-CHIIII.
YOU FORGOT THIS!

AHH, I FORGOT.
THE STORE.
YEAH. DID YOU EVEN FORGET YOU LEFT IT?
WELL, I GOT HOME AND IMME-DIATELY WENT TO SLEEP.
THANKS.
WHOOSH
WHAT STORE?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE LATE BECAUSE OF CLUB YESTER-DAY.
IT WAS SO LATE THAT THEY WERE HUNGRY, SO THEY DECIDED TO STOP BY A RAMEN SHOP, RIGHT?
OH.
I WONDER WHY SHE'S ANSWERING
PISSED
PISSED
BUT... I WAS WAITING FOREVER...

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I FEEL BAD ABOUT YESTERDAY BUT,

CRAP.

IF I TALK TO HIM NOW,

YOU DON'T HAVE TO HATE ON THE MANAGER.

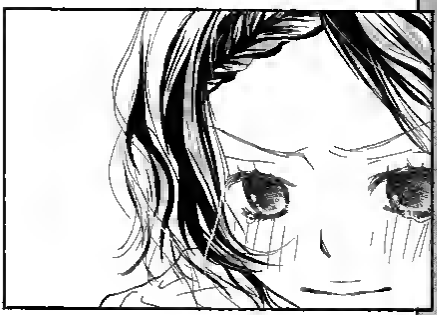
It looks sad

I'LL END UP SAYING SOMETHING TERRIBLE.

BUT,

I WANTED TO HEAR IT FROM TOMO...

I WAS WAITING FOR HIM FOR AGES, TOO!

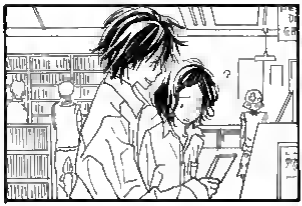


IT'S NONSENSE BUT IMPORTANT
TOMO DOESN'T EVEN LIKE ME!
THAT'S NOT TRUE
Yesterday you were all happy...
YUZU~
WHY ARE YOU DEFENDING HER?
IDIOT!!
I WAS JOKING SILLY!
You idiot
SMACK
IT IS TRUE!
IT'S LIKE YOU SAID BEFORE,
HUH?...
SEE, HERE COMES HIGUCHI NOW

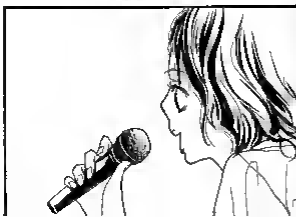
YOU BOUGHT THIS FOR ME?
YOU DON'T NEED IT RIGHT ...
I DO
BUT YOU AL-READY HAVE ONE
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE~
THEN I'LL SELL THAT ONE TO SOME-ONE
UNTIL THE DAY OF THE GAME
HM?
YOU CAN GO HOME FIRST

FLIP
AH.
WHY?
FLIP
FLIP
ISN'T IT HARD TO ALWAYS WAIT SO LATE?
IT'S NOT HARD!
GRAB.
YUZU?
IT'S NOT HARD!
I WANT TO GO HOME TOGETHER...
TOMO...
YOU DON'T FEEL THAT WAY?

THAT'S NOT TRUE RIGHT?



I'M THINKING TOO MUCH...



CAN YOU SING BUMP THE CHICKEN NEXT?
SNORE
PLUNK
SNORE
SNORE
SNORE

RUSTLE...
snore
snore
DIRT
SWEAT
IS WHAT I SMELL ON HIS SHIRT..
.....
THE SMELL OF TOMO...

AH
I'LL SEE YOU LATER THEN.
YEAH
slide slide
WHAT'S WRONG?
Aah...
MY STOMACH HURTS .!
LIAR YOU'RE FINE
Ouw
I'M REALLY NOT...
I'LL GO GET THE NURSE
NO, DON'T GO
I'LL GO GET MEDI-CINE
SHE'S PROBABLY GONE I'LL JUST GO HOME AND REST

GIVE ME YOUR BAGS.
STEP...
YOU OKAY?
YEAH.

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LET'S JUST GO SOMEWHERE NOW.
IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE WE'VE GONE HOME TOGETHER THIS EARLY.
.....
YOUR STO-MACH ...
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE. IT DOESN'T HURT.
IF WE GO OUR AFTER PRACTICE ALL THE TIME, WON'T YOU BE TIRED?
SO I TRIED ACTING A BIT...
I'M GO-ING BACK TO CLUB
sigh
Huh?
IT'S FINE NOW, ISN'T IT?
YOU CAN SAY YOU SKIPPED BECAUSE YOUR GIRLFRIEND IS SICK
WHAT'S FINE?

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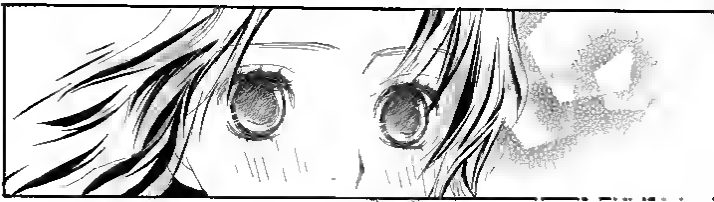
Tweet
WAH

HAS TO RUN LAPS BECAUSE HE WAS LATE WITHOUT AN EXCUSE
It's unusual
.....
GRAB
UM!
TOMO
OH, HIGU-CHI
ISN'T AT PRACTICE
THUMP
AT THE REGULAR ROSTER ANNOUNCE-MENT TODAY, HE GOT DROPPED
WELL..
EVEN WITHOUT BEING LATE, HIGUCHI WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PRACTICE NOW ANYWAYS.
HUH?
Manager!
Yeah?
ANNOUNCEMENT —— ?!

TOMO!
CRASH
TAP TAP
REASON HE GOT DROPPED...!
IS THE
.....
THUMP
THUMP
WHAT?
BEING DROPPED FROM REGULAR
UM
SO SCARY...
YEAH?

.....
SO YOU'RE STILL MAD ABOUT
wah
WHAT JUST HAP-PENED?
WELL DUH!
WHY IS THE REASON I GOT DROPPED "BECAUSE I WAS WITH MY GIRLFRIEND"?!
I don't even get what they mean
thump thump thump
IS THAT POSSI-BLY... MY FAULT?
ARE YOU KIDDING?
HUH?
what are you talking about?
AM I SO BAD THAT I'D GET DROPPED FOR THAT?
HE'S NOT LISTENING
.....
ARGGGH, DAMMIT!
NEXT TIME, I'LL STEAL THAT POSITION BACK.

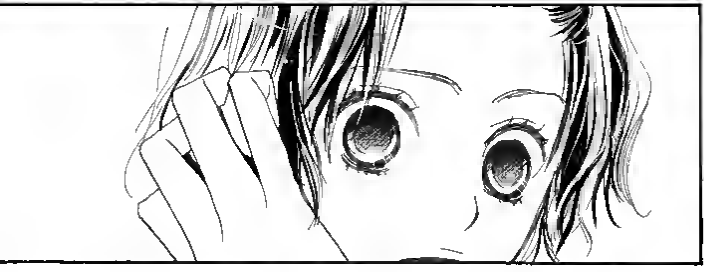


NOT BECAUSE HE'S MINE,

I LIKE TOMO
BECAUSE HE'S TOMO.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S OBVIOUS...
THUMP
IT'S FINE. I CAN MAKE PLANS WITH NATSUKI-CHAN.
MMM ...
WELL THEN,
GOOD LUCK. I'LL BE WAITING...
I'LL BE LATE AGAIN...
BUT SERIOUSLY. CAN YOU GO HOME FIRST?
AM I AN INCON-VENIENCE?

I SAID I'D WAIT SO WHY DON'T YOU JUST LET ME?
.. NO
DO YOU SAY THAT KIND OF STUFF BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANNA GO HOME WITH ME?
NO,
I DON'T WANT TO TEST THIS.
WAI-
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THIS-
WHY?!
DOESN'T THAT MEAN YOU'RE TIRED OF BEING WITH
IN THE END, YOU DON'T WANT TO BE WAITED ON!
BE-CAUSE WHAT?
BE-CAUSE
CRASH



shuffle...

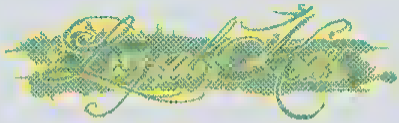
I JUST...

WELL...
"JUST"?
OH LOOK, AN AIRPLANE CLOUD
.....
JUST?
I'M WORRIED...
YOU WAITING ON YOUR OWN EVEN THOUGH IT'S DARK...
THAT'S THE REASON?!
YUZU HAS A LOT OF GAPS IN HER GUARD AND SEEMS TEMPTING-ISH.
Bus
ARE YOU MY MOTHER?

BUT YOU'RE THE ONE THAT'S TEMPTING!!
is a jerk
SORRY. FROM NOW ON, I WON'T LEAVE YOU CRAVING
...!
ahhh i wanna run away~
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
WAIT, WAIT!
I MEAN... uh,
OH.
HEY, THEY'RE CALLING YOU! bye!
CRAP.
Hey! Higuchi!
Quit slacking!

?
whisper
HURRY, HURRY
LEND ME AN EAR
Kiss
HEY...
BYE~
STEEEAM
.....
FALL

《 END 》



# Try Me Boy
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Di—n
do—n
CRAP— I KEEP THINKING OF YOUKO-CHAN MORNING, NOON, AND NIGHT
AM I AT MY LIMIT?
da—n
Pip
pip
ARGH— IF I DO IT, YOU'LL COME WITH ME, RIGHT?
JUST CONFESS
WHAT HAVE I DONE WHAT CAN I DO, SUGI-CHAN?
swipe
BAH, OK, LET'S GO HOME
So difficult
A CONFESSION
♥ SENTIMENTAL HONEY
THAT SPECTACLE
IS BECOMING SO ORDINARY.

Sentimental
Honey

wobble
wobble
...THERE GOES HIRAYAMA AGAIN...
HA-
STILL ABOUT THE YOUKO THING?
YUP-
HAS HE DECIDED TO CONFESS ALREADY?
NO, NOT YET
pipip
SUGI-CHAN, YOU'RE AMAZING... YOU DILIGENTLY HEAR HIM OUT EVERY TIME
DILIGENTLY... NOT AREN'T YOU JUST GOING ALONG WITH THE FLOW?
Feels like I've seen told something like this already
G-G
YEAH, BUT YOU STILL HAVE A GREAT CAPACITY FOR LISTENING
CER-TAINLY
BUT I COMPLETELY FORGOT WHO "YOUKO-CHAN" IS, EVEN HER FACE FOR EXAMPLE.
SHE'S PRETTY CUTE~
HA-HUH

SHOVE
AL-RIIIGHT.
GO GET IT!
Before it sprout germs.
I FORGOT IT LAST WEEK, TOO. YOU THINK IT'S OK?
Maybe I should wear it.
HM?
from PE
REAL-LY?
AH!
I FORGOT MY JERSEY
Later!
Bye Bye!
clatter
rustle rustle

GLOOM
slouch
slouch
HE LEFT ALREADY
...IS SUGI-CHAN...
.....
...DID SOMETHING HAPPEN? ...
IS IT RELATED TO YOUKO-CHAN?
.....
Grab
...EH
.....
Excuse Mee
.....
HE WON'T TELL ANYTHING TO AN OUTSIDER LIKE ME ANYWAY.

NO WAYYY
OOH, THAT'S WHY
Good Good
SINCE I'M IN LOVE WITH YOUKO-CHAN, I CAN'T SEE ANYONE ELSE BUT HER
I KNOW
REALLY? HOW?
BE-CAUSE
I SIT NEXT TO SUGI-CHAN
HE'S OK ALREADY
REALLY!? HOW!?
AND SO,
THE GIRL I LIKE, YOUKO-CHAN IS IN MY CLASS
I KNOW
Oooh
REALLY? AT LAST!?
Well finally
AT LAST
SO FINALLY, I JUST CONFESSED TO HER.
WELL ~~

BUT JUST IN CASE, AS A GIRL YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND HER, RIGHT?
STARE
BUT... SINCE I'M NOT YOUKO-CHAN...
UH
I WOULDN'T KNOW
WAS IT A YES OR A NO?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
"SORRY, I LIKE YOU HIRAYAMA, BUT LET ME THINK ABOUT IT A LITTLE."
SHE SAID
WELL, JUST GIVE ME AN IDEA!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE SINCE EVERYONE THINKS DIFFERENTLY
JUST IN CASE?
Eeeeek
crawl
crawl
crawl
GOTTA GO, SOME-ONE'S CALLING!
IZUMI—
Still there?
BEING ASKED LIKE THIS IS SO TROUBLE-SOME~~~
UHHH...
?
Phew...
THANK GOODNESS YOU CALLED ME!

Mornin~
Did you see yesterday's
AH!

.....
NO, REALLY, HERE
HEY SUGI-CHAN, YOU STILL HAVE BED HAIR
CAN'T HELP IT
My perm spoiled
turn
DON'T YOU FEEL COLD? IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.

WELL, SINCE I DID RUN AWAY YESTERDAY...
AS I THOUGHT, HE'S DE-PRESSED
...
SIGH,
...IS MY HEART.
C'MON, LET'S GO TO SCHOOL.
...
WHAT'S COLD
...
Siiiiiigh
... HEY, YOU'VE ONLY BEEN TOLD TO WAIT, AND SHE DIDN'T REFUSE YOU, RIGHT?
SHE SAID "SORRY"
UH.
IF SHE WANTED TO REFUSE YOU, SHE COULD'VE JUST DONE IT...
I THINK YOU STILL HAVE SOME HOPE!
THU
M2

sparkle
REAL-LY?
THAT'S RIGHT
SO IT'S LIKE THAT.
YUP
MAYBE
MAYBE YOUKO-CHAN IS CONFUSED ON WHAT TO DO RIGHT NOW...
SO DON'T BE SAD, OK? IF YOU KEEP YOURSELF STRONG, YOU CAN WIN!
Got my spirit back!
THANK YOU, MITAKA-SAN!
I'M HIDAKA
CHARGE
YES !!

Di—n
do—n
da—n
WELL, GOOD TO KNOW HE'S OK NOW.
HOW SIMPLE
OK, ANSWER THIS QUESTION. PRESENT ME YOUR NOTES AT THE END OF THE DAY.
AND ALSO
shrug
I WAS SLEEPING
shrug
I HEARD IT BUT I DIDN'T GET IT AT ALL——
WHERE, WHAT? I WASN'T LISTENING
YOU'RE USELESS!~~~~~

CLATTER CLATTER
HEY...
ALRIGHT ALREADY, CHILL OUT
Boooo
boing
boing
Boooo
BUT YOU WEREN'T LISTENING EITHER!
EXACTLY!

I DON'T WANT YOU, I CAME FOR MITAKA-SAN...
BUZZER
HIRAYAMA, I'M BUSY NOW, I CAN'T
IZUMI, QUESTION #1
I'M #3
SUGI-CHAN, #2
EH?
Mitaka?
IF P(1,3), WHEN X2+Y2=5...
mumble mumble
lift
ARE YOU LISTENING, MITAKA-SAN?
AH.
MY POSITION IS SO BEHIND
GOING AFTER YOUKO-CHAN IS BAD FOR MY HEALTH
I can't read manga or even sleep
IT'D BE OK IF IT WERE THE OPPOSITE
mumble
mumble

KH-note. she's embarrassed he's calling her by first name. very informal in Japan and only used by close friends and family

CAN YOU SHOW US YOUR NOTES?
SINCE YOU CAN CONSULT IZUMI WHENEVER YOU WANT, HIRAYAMA-KUN
PLEASE!
I SHOULD HIDE MY EMBARRASSMENT.
Self-conscious
WE ALSO JUST DID THESE.
YES
CIRCLE EQUATIONS? YOU'RE DOING THESE NOW?
CAN YOU GIVE THAT BACK? I HAVE TO FINISH IT TODAY.

DAILY BREAK
YEAH YEAH, YOU LIKE HER BUT ABOUT DATING HER
IZU
CLATTER
OK, LET'S MEET IN THE GYM—
BOUNCE
SHOOT
HE'S MESSING AROUND
2ND BREAK TIME
IZUMI-CHAN, LISTEN~
Ah, he really came
3RD BREAK TIME
IZUMI-CHAN
I HAVE P.E NOW
screech
LISTEN, SINCE THEN YOUKO-CHAN
YOU ALREADY TOLD ME THAT
phew!
YOU'RE SO AT-T CHED!

PAT
EEH? ME TOO?
JUMP
Agile
IT'S WONDERFUL WHEN THE GYM IS EMPTY, RIGHT?
YEP—
.....
ANA
YOU'RE MESSING AROUND?
WELL
Swing Swing
SLIP
HOP
I'M STIFF.
OK OK, GRANNY.

pff
EHHH——?
NO NO!
LET'S TRY...
LIFT...
TAP
TOO EASY—
.....
blush
TH...

Waaah
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!! HOW COULD HE DECIDE TO LIFT ME UP LIKE THAT!! NOW I'M AS TENSE AS A PIANO WIRE!!
THAT WAS A FOUL JUST NOW!
HEY—
swing
swing
HEY
I WAS THINKING OF SHOWING YOU SOMEPLACE NICE
yep yep
CHANGING SUBJECT..
WHEN YOU WERE IN P.E.—AH, DID YOU PLAY BASKETBALL? WITH THE GIRLS
TO BREAK THE DEFENSE, YOU GOTTA AIM WITH DETERMINATION WHEN YOU'RE SHOOTING!
NO, DUH
THEY'RE SUCH A HINDRANCE!!
.....
THOUGH I HELP HIM LIKE THIS...
WHEN SHE ASKS, "ARE YOU OKAY" SHE HAS SUCH A KIND FACE...
THOUGH I TUMBLED AND SLID ON THE GROUND, I SAW YOUKO-CHAN IN THE SIDELINES LAUGHING AND COULDN'T HELP BUT THINK, "AH SHE'S THE BEST"

LIKE... AN ANGEL'S?
UMM...
IF YOUKO-CHAN GOES OUT WITH HIRAYAMA, SHE'D BE HAPPY.
HM?
I JUST THINK THAT
"YOUKO-CHAN" MUST BE GREAT, BEING PRAISED LIKE THIS—
flinch
COLLAPSE
This guy...
"IF YOUKO-CHAN GOES OUT WITH HIRAYAMA, SHE'D BE HAPPY."
Monotone

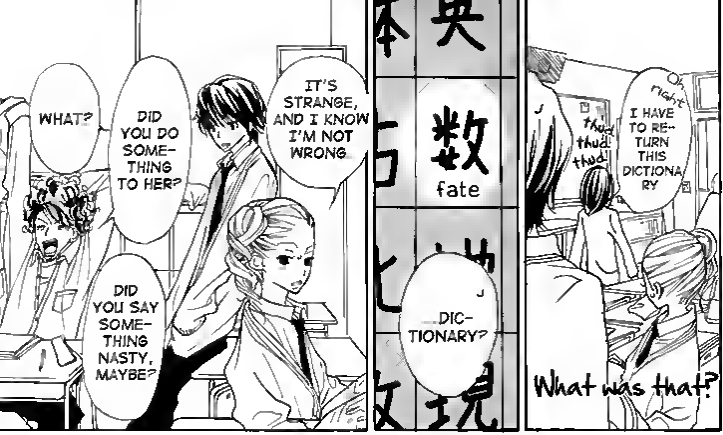
IF YOUKO-CHAN WOULD SAY THAT TO ME ONE DAY...
sigh
Ahahah
I'M SO HAPPY~
STUPID!
YOU'RE REALLY KIND, IZUMI-CHAN——
.....
...DAMN IT WAS LIKE I WAS EXPECTING SOMETHING...
!
IT WOULD BE GREAT IF I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU——

Yeah
Yeah
THAT'S ALL.
I'M STARTING TO FEEL SOMETHING.
GURGLE
GURGLE
GURGLE
BUT I'M JUST HIS FRIEND.
RESET YOURSELF!
I KNOW.
FLUSH
blink
creak
BY THE WAY, YOUKO, DID YOU ANSWER HIRAYAMA?
AH...
NOT YET
IT'S "YOUKO-CHAN"!
ARE YOU STILL CONFUSED?

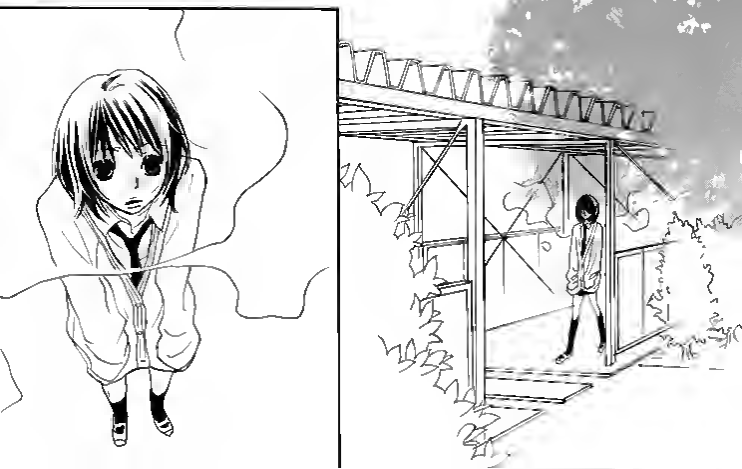
THE GIRL WHO'S A FRIEND OF SUGIMOTO-KUN?
YEP
BUT HEY, HIRAYAMA IS ALWAYS WITH THAT IZUMI FROM CLASS FOUR RECENTLY, YOU KNOW?
YES.
I THINK IT'S BETTER IF WE STAY FRIENDS BUT... MAYBE IT'S OK IF WE DATE TOO
Cough Cough Cough
?
kata kata kata kata
HIII!
SHOULD I SAY NO?
THEN... "WHAT SHOULD I DO?"
I WAS LIKE "WHAT?"
DON'T KNOW BUT...
STING
STING
BUM BUM BUM BUM BUM
kata kata kata
MOREOVER, IMMEDIATELY AFTER HE SAID THAT TO ME...
NO WAY! HE'S THE WORST— YOU THINK IT'S LIKE THAT?
YOU SAID IT, YOUKO IWAKURA FEELS SOMETHING FOR YOU TOO, ANYWAY.
I DON'T KNOW.
IT'S TOTALLY LIKE THAT!
Aha
EH

gloom
THIS
IS
BAD
huh?
ALL RIGHT... THE CONTENT OF YOUKO-CHAN'S STORY... I'M GETTING CONFUSED...
IT FEELS TOO BAD...
1 - 1
TWIRL
thump
thump
thump
THAT WAS "THAT" IWAKURA!
.....
SUCH DEDELICATE PINK AURA...
OHH YOU LIKE THAT TOO, IWAKURA?
YEAH, NEXT TIME LET'S GO TOGETHER!

BEING NEAR HIM NOW IS BAD, FOR SURE.


IT'S STRANGE, AND I KNOW I'M NOT WRONG.
DID YOU DO SOME-THING TO HER?
WHAT?
DID YOU SAY SOME-THING NASTY, MAYBE?
DIC-TIONARY?
fate
thud thud thud
OH, RIGHT. I HAVE TO RE-TURN THIS DICTIONA-RY
What was that?

Did I...?
.....



sigh
NO WAY
EVEN THOUGH I SHOULD, I JUST CAN'T DO IT
YOUKO-CHAN SAID SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO "IWAKURA" SO HIRAYAMA'S OUT... THEN IT'S BETTER FOR ME I GUESS.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT
di——ng
do——ng
Gloom
AS I THOUGHT
da——ng
do——ng
.....
AH! HIRA-YAMA...
HEY, IZUMI JUST DASHED OFF.

DASH
AH!
TA TA TA TA
KYAAAA!!
gasp
EH?!
SLIDE
SLIDE
IT'S COLD OUTSIDE
MAYBE I SHOULD GO TO MIHO-CHAN'S PLACE
IZUMI-CHAN!

HE'S PAST!
BUMP
!
CAUGHT YOU.

LET ME→
shake shake
NO
IF I LET GO, YOU'LL RUN AWAY
glance
glance
I SAID, LET ME GO!
YOUKO-CHAN ISN'T HERE, RIGHT?
LET GO!
Squeeze
.....
.....
I WANT
TO GO...
...HI-RAYA-MA?
...WHY ARE YOU AVOIDING ME?
DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG...?

I WANT TO HUG HIM.
IF SO, I'M SORRY...
I WANT TO HUG HIM I WANT TO HUG HIM I WANT TO HUG HIM
"AWESOME— I'M SO HAPPY!"
"IF YOUKO-CHAN WOULD SAY THAT TO ME ONE DAY..."

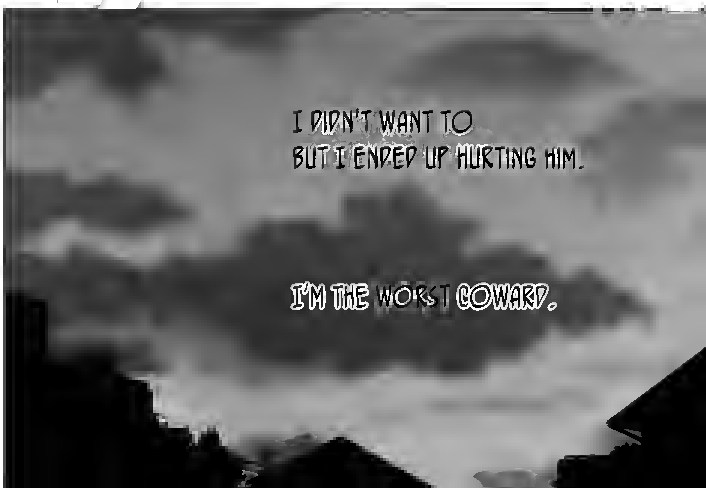
IZUMI-CHAN.
YOU'RE SO ANNOY-ING.
GET AWAY FROM ME, NOW.
...push...

Di——n
Do——n
Da——n
Do——n
clap
YOU'LL SHOW ME YOUR HOMEWORK AFTER SCHOOL
HUH?
HEY, DID YOU UNDER-STA-
THAT MAN REALLY LIKES TO GIVE HOMEWORK
.....
HE DIDN'T COME
HIRAYAMA SHOULD HAVE LENT US HIS NOTES~
yawn
IZUMI, DID YOU SAY SOME~THING BAD TO HIM?
EH? UM THAT HE'S ANNOY~ING?
Did you have to?!
Whoa
YOU'RE SUCH A PAIN
.....
SORRY...

Staff Room
EXCUSE ME——
UGH
ALL THAT THINKING MADE ME HUNGRY—
exhausted
LET'S GO TO MISTER DONUTS?
NOPE, TO MO'S BURGERS
I WANT TO GO TO KFC
AH.
MISTER DONUTS—
OK, FINE—
let's go.

SLIDE...
UGH
.....
WHAT'S WRONG?
MORNING SICKNESS
WHY?
!!
OW!
WHACK
YOU DON'T WANT TO? OH COME ON!
IT HURTS

SWISH
SWISH
NO
OH
DID IT REALLY HURT THAT MUCH?
HUH?
Ah— I got it. I got it. Let's go to KFC, alright?


I DIDN'T WANT TO
BUT I ENDED UP HURTING HIM.
I'M THE WORST COWARD.

CLATTER
ABOUT YESTERDAY!
!
WELL... I'M SORRY.
THAT TERRIBLE THING I SAID FOR ...

THANK GOD! I THOUGHT YOU WOULD NEVER TALK TO ME AGAIN...!
thud
thump
I LOVE HIM SO MUCH !!
AH— I FELL INTO SUCH DEPRESSION RIGHT AFTER
step
step
step
step
step
EH?
SHE GOT ANGRY BECAUSE I WASN'T LISTENING TO HER
AH— IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
I SAW— YOU WENT HOME TOGETHER YESTERDAY
DIDN'T YOUKO-CHAN MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER?
REGARDL ESS

thump
BECAUSE I COULDN'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING EXCEPT YOU POSSIBLY HATING ME.
thump
SHOULD I SAY IT... NOW——
trip
WAH!
thump
I——
thump
HIRA-YAMA
LISTEN, I——

I'M SO BAD SO NOT POISED
BRUSH
BRUSH
YOU'RE RIGHT
AH! IZUMI-CHAN YOU'RE BLEED-ING!
YOU OK?
Didn't you notice the stairs?
YEAH...
I wasn't looking in front at all though
EH?
HERE
A BAND-AID? HOW UNEXPECTED SO PREPARED!
AH... AC-TUALLY, THIS
AND IT'S CUTE
PASS
I
DON'T NEED IT...
EH? WHY?
BECAUSE IT DOESN'T HURT.
BUT YOU'RE BLEEDING!
!
YOUKO-CHAN GAVE IT TO ME.

PLOP
AH.
GOOD MORN-ING—
THIS... YOU STILL HAVE IT FROM P.E.
haha hi
YUP, SOME-HOW.
.....
USE IT, PLEASE!
!
YOUKO-CHAN, IS A KIND GIRL.
THANKS ...

OKAY
WE'RE LATE!
THERE'S NO DOUBT.
.....
BUT
LET'S GO
IZUMI-CHAN, ARE YOU OK?
PLEASE DON'T GO
I DON'T NEED ANYBODY ELSE.
...HM...?
N'T GO

I ONLY NEED HIRAYAMA.
STAY WITH ME...
!!!

...SORRY YOUKO-CHAN.
IZUMI-CHAN... I REALLY REALLY—
LOVE YOU SO MUCH!
PLEASE, FORGET MY CONFESSION.
FLUMP
FLUMP

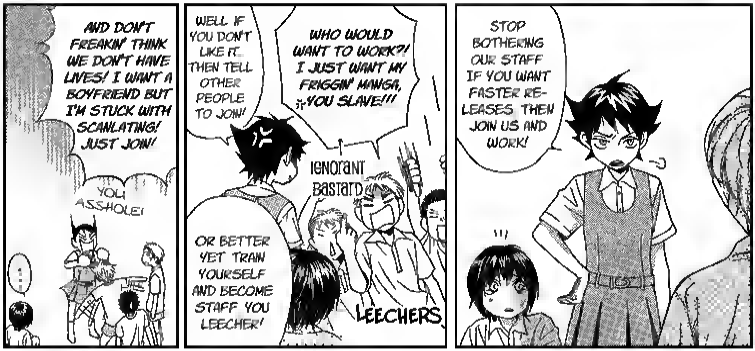
POW
!!
So just!
.....?
Under st...
BUT
...OK?
IT'S OK BECAUSE IT DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING TO ME! I WASN'T REJECTED, GOT IT?
THIS IS ESSENTIAL!
OK.

USE IT FOR YOUR WOUND, IZUMI-CHAN
I'M FINE
WANT IT?
ARE... ARE YOU OK?
GASP
OOOH
She's so cool!
OW {
BUT YOU'RE SO RED—...
GRIN

"THAT'S BECAUSE YOU ARE HERE."
《 End 》

This is the stair s scene when I first imagined it
I changed it later on, so I want to show you the first draft

# SHORT STORY


AND DON'T FREAKIN' THINK WE DON'T HAVE LIVES! I WANT A BOYFRIEND BUT I'M STUCK WITH SCANLATING! JUST JOIN!
YOU ASSHOLE!
WELL IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, THEN TELL OTHER PEOPLE TO JOIN!
WHO WOULD WANT TO WORK?! I JUST WANT MY FRIGGIN' MANGA, YOU SLAVE!!!
Ignorant Bastard
OR BETTER YET TRAIN YOURSELF AND BECOME STAFF YOU LEECHER!
LEECHERS
STOP BOTHERING OUR STAFF IF YOU WANT FASTER RELEASES THEN JOIN US AND WORK!